

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1494
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SUBSTITUTE FOR NIMUSLIDE SYRUP
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Nimuslide syrup is dangerous to the children ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor ;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating a substitute for the said drug ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to become available in the market together with its likely price?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): The question of rationality of Drugs formulations of Nimesulide for adult as well as for pediatric use was examined by the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB), a statutory body under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, on the directions of the High Court of Delhi. DTAB after examination opined that there is no ground for banning of the drug Nimesulide for Adult or Pediatric use. The drug is considered to be as safe or as unsafe as any other commonly used Non-Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drug (NSAID). The recommendations of DTAB were also accepted by the Hon`ble Court.

(c) to (e): Syrups of other similar drugs like Paracetamol are available in the market for pediatric use.